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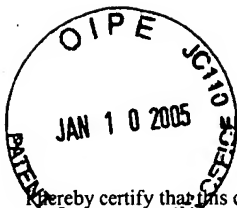
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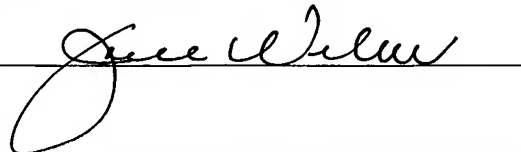
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

GUIDO VEZZU, ET AL.

Application No. 10/733,130

Filed: December 10, 2003

For: METHOD FOR THE ESTIMATING  
OF THE RESIDUAL SERVICE LIFE OF  
AN APPARATUS

Customer No. 20350

Confirmation No. 8274

Examiner: John H. Le

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2863

AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111  
January 3, 2005

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Sir:

As a precautionary measure, applicants request an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.